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SUBJECT: MOZAMBIQUE PRESIDENT SAMORA MACHEL STARTS VISIT TO RUSSIA

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1. MOZAMBIQUE PRESIDENT SAMORA MACHEL DEPARTED MAPUTO EVENING OF MAY 16 FOR AN OFFICIAL STATE VISIT TO THE USSR; MACHEL WAS ACCOMPANIED BY FOREIGN MINISTER JOAQUIM CHISSANO, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENCY OSCAR MONTEIRO, INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE MINISTER MARIO MACHUNGO, TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS MINISTER JOSE LUIS CABACO AND ARMY HEADQUARTERS REPRESENTATIVE JACINTO VELOSO. THERE WAS NO INDICATION HOW LONG VISIT WOULD LAST.

2. IN A PRE-DEPARTURE INTERVIEW WITH THE TASS AND NOVOSTI CORRESPONDENTS, PRESIDENT MACHEL CONDEMNED PORTUGUESE COLONIALISM, OUT-LINED SOME OF FRELIMO'S GOALS AND OBJECTIVES AND SPOKE ABOUT UNCLASSIFIED

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A. PORTUGUESE COLONIALISM: MACHEL ASSERTED THAT THE PORTUGUESE

TURNED MOZAMBIQUE INTO A LABOR RESERVOIR FOR BOTH SOUTH AFRICA AND SOUTHERN RHODESIA, AND THAT ALL OF THE COUNTRY'S COMMUNICATIONS LINKS WERE ESTABLISHED FOR THE BENEFIT OF SOUTH AFRICANS AND RHODESIANS. IN ADDITION, MOZAMBICANS SUPPLIED RAW MATERIALS FOR LISBON'S INDUSTRIES AND THEN WERE MADE TO BUY BACK FINISHED GOOD AT HIGHER PRICES. AS A RESULT, MACHEL DECLARED: WE HAVE INHERITED A COUNTRY OF MISERY, HUNGER, DEPRIVATION AND RUINS."

B. FRELIMO GOALS: AS A RESULT OF COLONIAL EXPERIENCE, MACHEL DECLARED THAT MOZAMBIQUE WAS ADOPTING A STRATEGY TO COMPLETELY DIVORCE ITSELF FROM "CAPITALISTIC AND IMPERIALISTIC DOMINATION." THE NATIONALIZATION OF LAND AND OF EDUCATION WERE PART OF FRELIMO'S EFFORTS IN THIS AREA. MOREOVER, THE STATE WILL CONTROL THE CENTRAL BANK, THE PRINCIPAL CREDIT INSTITUTIONS, THE PORTS, RAILWAYS AND AIRLINES IN ORDER TO MAKE THEM SERVE THE INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLE. MACHEL ALSO REITERATED THAT AGRICULTURE WILL BE THE BASE OF THE COUNTRY'S DEVELOPMENT BECAUSE IT IS THE AREA IN WHICH FRELIMO AND THE PEOPLE HAVE HAD THE GREATEST ORGANIZATIONAL SUCCESSES. HOWEVER, MACHEL ADDED THAT INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT WILL BE THE "DYNAMIC FACTOR" IN THE COUNTRIES SUSTAINED GROWTH. HE REFUSED TO BE DRAWN FURTHER ON THIS POINT, SAYING "WE ARE GOING TO THE SOVIET UNION TO DISCUSS THESE QUESTIONS" OF INDUSTRIALIZATION.

C. RELATIONS WITH SOCIALIST STATES: MACHEL SAID THAT MOZAMBIQUE'S RELATIONS WITH THE SOCIALIST STATES WERE VERY CLOSE BECAUSE THEY SHARED A COMMON IDEOLOGY, WERE ALLIES IN THE CLASS STRUGGLE, OPPOSED EXPLOITATION AND WERE THE LEADERS IN THE "ANTI-IMPERIALIST STRUGGLE. " THE SOCIALIST NATIONS ALSO "PROVIDED US WITH SUPPORT IN OUR COMBAT AND VICTORY AGAINST PORTUGUESE COLONIALISM. MACHEL CONCLUDED THAT IT WAS FOR THESE REASONS THAT "WE ARE VISITING THE FATHERLAND OF LENIN. DE PREE

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